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SENATOR ALLARD REINTRODUCES HEARTLAND EXPRESS BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Last week, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) reintroduced the Heartland Express bill in the Senate. The bill would designate Colorado State Highway 71 from the Nebraska state line to Limon and I-76 from Denver to Brush as the Colorado portion of the "Heartland Express" high priority corridor.

"The Heartland Express trade route is of great importance to Eastern Colorado," Senator Allard said. "The route will facilitate additional trade and tourism, bringing additional dollars to the Eastern Slope."

The Heartland Express bill was originally introduced by Senator Allard in 2002. The Heartland Express trade route would be designated a high priority corridor, making it eligible for additional federal highway funding under the Department of Transportation's Borders and Corridors program.

"I have reintroduced this bill to address the concerns that were brought up by the other states involved," Senator Allard said. "We've worked hard on a compromise, and I'm confident that this bill can be passed so that additional federal highway funding can be brought to Eastern Colorado."

The Heartland Express high priority corridor would join the Ports to Plains high priority corridor, which runs between Texas and Denver along Highway 287 and Interstate 70, as the second route in Colorado to qualify for additional highway funding to facilitate national and international trade.

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